





The American Red Cross understands that while living and working outside of the continental United States it can be difficult to keep in touch and be there for your family members who are living in the states. That is why our primary mission here is to connect you with you loved ones during a family emergency. The American Red Cross can verify the emergency and pass the verified information to your supervisor so they can make the appropriate decision regarding your leave. Below is some helpful information regarding how to initiate a Red Cross Message and what you local Red Cross can do for you

If the family of the DoDDS employee would like to start a message from CONUS:

Visit <u>www.redcross.org</u> to find the nearest ARC office. There you can type in your local zip code (front and center on the main page) and the nearest Red Cross office's information will be displayed. They can also call the ARC main service center at **1-877-272-7337**.

Your family now has a local Red Cross number to call and start an emergency message. This will eliminate the family's need to try and contact the service member or government employee overseas because the local CONUS Red Cross will dispatch the message to their remote or overseas location.

When initiating a message the family will need:

- The DoDDS Employee name, social security number, exact location of the worker (i.e. Ramstein Middle School)
- The name, location and phone number of the hospital, funeral home, doctor etc. where the American Red Cross worker can verify the emergency.

Please make sure your family has this information before an emergency situation arises.

If you have any questions regarding the Red Cross Emergency Services message process or initiating a message please contact your nearest Red Cross Office: <u>257-8488</u>

If you, the DoDDS employee, would like to start the emergency messages remember we will need:

- Your Unit Information, Social Security Number, Rank etc...
- The Name, Location, and Contact Information for the hospital, funeral home, or doctor whom the Red Cross will be contacting to verify your family emergency
- The name and phone number of a family member local to the area the emergency has taken place in so that the local Red Cross may contact someone locally if more information is necessary
- The name and phone number of your supervisor to whom the verified Red Cross message information should be passed.

Other Helpful Information:

- ARC provides emergency assistance 24 hours a day.
- How the Process Works: Once a Red Cross message is initiated a Red Cross Caseworker will verify your family emergency. The verified message is sent to the Red Cross office nearest to where the DoDDS employee works. ARC will contact the DoDDS employee and/or supervisor to relay the message. In most situations the ARC will pass the message to the supervisor first, and then the supervisor will contact the DoDDS employee.
- The American Red Cross *verifies* the emergency situation and provides the appropriate personnel with that information so that DoDDS may make an informed decision regarding granting employee leave.
- The American Red Cross also processes emergency messages for <u>family members</u> of the DoDDS employee.
- The Red Cross will also provide assistance when communication with a loved one has been lost for an extended period of time. This is a means of re-establishing contact with family members stationed overseas.
- The American Red Cross does not provide written copies of the message. If others need verification of your emergency please have them contact the any Red Cross office.

Marine Corps Family Team Building

1. Family Readiness Advisor Training

Mandatory training offered to family members who would like to volunteer as a Unit Family Readiness Advisor or Assistant. 26 & 27 October, 0900-1200 at MCFTB Building 244. POC: Mele Stender, 257-2657 or hannah.stender@usmc.mil.

Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival will be held on Friday, October 22nd from 1600-1830 at the Youth Activities/Teen Center. There will be a pumpkin patch, a "non-scary" haunted house, bouncy house and games with prizes for all. Come join in on the fun. For more info see the attached flyer or call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

Teen Center Halloween Dance

The Teen Center will be hosting a Halloween dance on Friday 29 October 6:30PM to 9:30PM. Open to CYTP members 10-14 years. See attached flyer.

4. General Election Voting

November 2nd is the general election. If you have not requested your absentee ballot for the 2010 general election, go to www.FVAP.gov for the online registration and absentee ballot assistant.

5. PATCH

PATCH is a private non-profit organization that acts as an advocacy agency for families who are seeking services with regard to quality child care programs here in Hawaii. http://www.patchhawaii.org/families/military

This is a great resource for Service Members and their families. Attached are flyers on upcoming workshops.

6. Operation Ohana Spouses Night Out at Formaggio's

Is your spouse deployed? Come celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday by attending a wine tasting. MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER. Contact Jayme Alexander, 257-2650 or Mele Stender, 257-2657 for more information.

7. Children's Marine Corps Birthday Bash

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Sunday 7th November, 2010 from 1400-1600 at Building 5082. Please come and celebrate the Marine Corps' 235th Birthday. Free and open to all active duty children and their families. Enjoy a cookout, traditional cake cutting ceremony, obstacle course, adventure balloons and lots more! Reservations requested, RSVP by November 5th to Staci Holt 257-2368 or staci.holt@usmc.mil.

8. Spooktacular Halloween Story Time Program at Base Library on 30 October

Wear a costume if you like stories, crafts and treats... Children's Room at the Base Library, bldg 219 on the second floor. Saturday October 30th from 1000-1100. All ages are invited. For more information call 254-7624.

9. BASE STREET CLOSURE: Harris Avenue Closed Advisory (Nov. 1-30)

From Nov. 1 to 30 Harris Avenue will be completely closed from Selden Street intersection to Bldg 4088. Detour will be available to access Harris Ave from Selden St. North driveway to Bldg 4088 will remain accessible. POC: Mr. Philip Lum at 257-6900

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11. L.I.N.K.S.

L.I.N.K.S. welcomes all Marine and Navy spouses to a fun class on military life-style training. The next LINKS session will be held November 16 & 17, 1700-2100 in the MCFTB conference Room, BLDG 244. Childcare is reimbursed for all MCFTB trainings. Please contact Staci Holt, 257-2368, staci.holt@usmc.mil for more information and to reserve a space in the class.

12. Beyond the Brief

MCFTB hosts a series of classes for spouse and family members of Marines and Sailors.

"Job Search in Hawaii": 9th November 1000-1130.

"Stress Busters for the Holidays": 7 December 1000-1130.

Childcare reimbursed. Please RSVP to Jayme Alexander, 257-2650.

13. Teen Center Halloween Dance

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14. FOCUS and Mokapu PTA present the "Deployment Club"

A four-week program (no session 1 Nov) where children will create their own "Deployment Toolbox." Learn ways to cope with stress of deployment and how to manage uncomfortable feelings. Open to base youth/Mokapu students. POC: Julie Neuser, 257-7774.

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16. Fall Activities in the Community

Valley of the Dead - Haunted House Koolau Center 47-388 Hui Iwa Street 7pm-10pm, Oct 15,16,22,23, 29-31. Get your spook on, safe for the family. Sign up for the Koolau Pet Costume Contest 30th at 5pm. www.koolaucenter.com

Tales Of The Maya Skies Windward Community College, Hokulani Imaginarium, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, 7 and 8 p.m., Dec. 10 7 p.m., Jan. 14, 7 p.m., \$5-\$7. The new Imaginarium opens with Tales of the Maya Skies. (235-7433)

Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maize

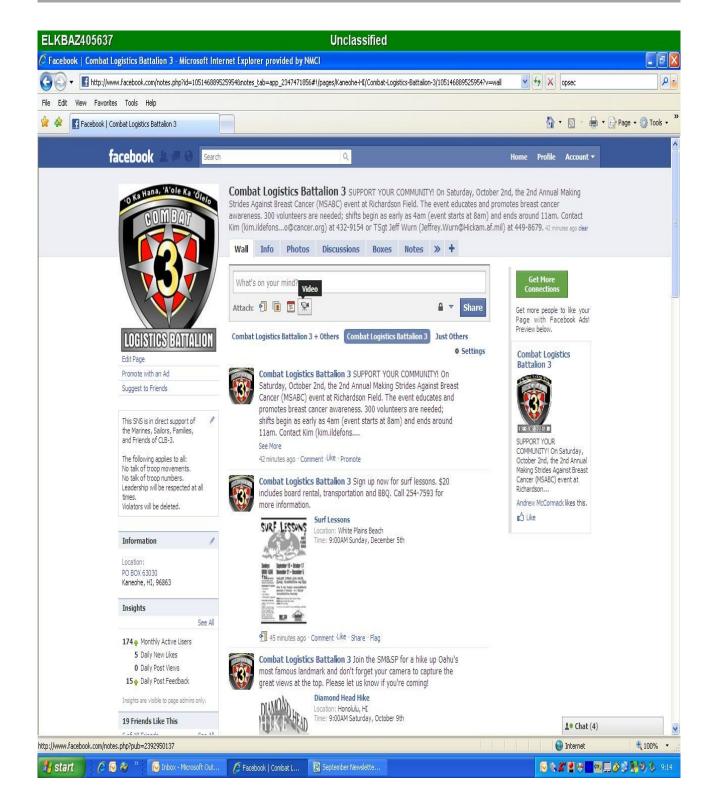
Waimanalo Country Farms, 41-225 Lupe St., Waimanalo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission. Bring the family and enjoy a day of hayrides, ono food, shave ice, games and more. (306-4381)

Recycle Art

Foster Botanical Gardens, Honolulu, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$10-plus Garden admission. Create a Halloween skeleton using plastic materials. (522-7064)



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Closure of Nu'upia Ponds Running Trail (through Nov. 15)

The entire Nu'upia Ponds Running Trail will be closed to ALL civilian and military use, From Aug. 2 to Nov. 15. The trail is closed from the Mokapu (back gate) or the pedestrian footbridge side near the H-3 Front Gate. Access is prohibited during this time frame. This closure is for safety while contractors replace wastewater pipelines.

The Nu'upia Ponds Running Trail route is depicted in BaseO P5500.15B, Figure 11-1 and on the MCB Hawaii natural resources section of the MCB Hawaii website: http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g4/environ/natural/Outreach.htm

POC: Mr. Phillip Lum, Base Facilities Dept., 257-6900

Dr. Diane Drigot, Base Environmental Dept., 257-3694

Road Closures

In preparation to begin Phase I of the Mololani project, the following roads will be closed to through traffic. Brown Drive - at the intersection of Ohekai St.

Lawrence Road - at the intersection of Bauer Drive

Bauer Drive - between units 2204/2205 and Bancroft.

POC: Irwin Tamura at 839-8788

23 OCT SINGLE MARINE & SAILOR PROGRAM MAUNAWILI HIKE / 0845-1500

Free, includes transportation from Kahuna's.

Open to single or unaccompanied E5 and below.

POC: Neil Morgan, 254-7593

25-28 OCT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) SEMINAR / TAP CLASSROOM, BLDG 279, 2D

DECK / 0800-1600

Additional dates available: 1-4 Nov, 6-9 Dec

Public Laws 101-510 and 107-103 require all transitioning service members to attend a

TAP seminar prior to separation.

Separating service members may attend a seminar within one year of separation date, but

must attend NLT than 90 days prior to separation date.

Primary POC for securing a slot is the Unit Transition Counselor (UTC).

POC: Jeff Esposito 257-7790

26 OCT CAMP SMITH INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL BEGINS / BORDELON FIELD / 1100-1300

Games played every Tue and Thu.

12 person rosters. Teams should have at least 7 players.

Open to all Active Duty, DoD civilians, Dependants and Contractors.

POC: Kelly Fornes or Curtis Stranghoener, 477-0498.

26 OCT SINGLE MARINE & SAILOR PROGRAM FREE BBQ LUNCH / KAHUNA'S PARKING LOT/ 1130-

1300

Free barbeque lunch with classic grill favorites, sides and sweet tea.

Please sign up in advance.

Open to single or unaccompanied E5 and below.

POC: Neil Morgan, 254-7593.



26-27 OCT FAMILY READINESS ADVISOR & ASSISTANT TRAINING / MCFTB, BLDG 244, CONF ROOM / 0900-1200

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27 OCT TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (TABE) / JEC BLDG 220, CLASSROOM A / 0745

Additional dates available: 5 Nov, 22 Nov

For Sergeants Course participants. Designed to measure basic academic skills commonly required for adult education programs.

90-minute test measures reading comprehension, language, spelling and math skills.

Open to active duty, family members and DoD civilians.

POC: Maria Fullenwider, 257-2158.

27 OCT PCS & MOVING WORKSHOP / FAIRWAYS BALLROOM / 0800-1200

Additional dates available: 17 Nov, 8 Dec

MCO 1320.11E (Personnel Sponsorship Program) requires all PCS-ing Marines to attend PCS move training.

Open to all active duty service members and their spouses. Adults only, children not permitted at professional program.

Reservations required. No orders required to attend.

POC: Marine & Family Services, 257-7790/87.

28 OCT DRUG AWARENESS COURSE / SACC, BLDG 279, 3D DECK / 0800-1100

DAC is offered to all Marines who have had a drug related incident or to active duty and authorized personnel who desire to learn more about drug use prevention.

A preliminary screening by a Counselor at SACC is required prior to attending the class.

POC: Alton Arakaki, 257-3900

28 OCT SPONSORSHIP CLASS / BLDG 219, CLASSROOM 1 / 0900-1100

Additional dates available: 18 Nov, 9 Dec

Sponsorship training provides important information to assist sponsors in the execution of their duties and responsibilities.

Open to all active duty service members and their spouses. Adults only, children not permitted at professional program.

Reservations required. No orders required to attend.

POC: Marine & Family Services, 257-7790/87.

28 OCT NUTRITION CLASSES – FOCUSING ON WEIGHT CONTROL / BASE CHAPEL CONFERENCE ROOM / 1130-1230

TAMC's dietician Capt Joy Metevier will conduct a nutrition class providing nutrition basics and weight loss techniques. We will clear up faulty ideas about weight loss/supplements and ensure people are using the safest and most effective techniques for weight loss. Open to Marines and Sailors in the BCP program, and anyone else interested in weight control.

FREE of charge.

POC: Neil Morgan or Dan Dufrene, 254-7636.

28 OCT NCO APPRECIATION NIGHT / ROCKER ROOM / 1630-1830

Free pupus while supplies last.

Open to SNCOs and their invited guests. POC: The Club at Koa Malina, 254-7650.

29 OCT TEEN HALLOWEEN DANCE / TEEN CENTER, BLDG 1090B / 1830-2130

Open to base teens ages 10-14.

Cost is \$2 per member, \$3 per guest. At the door, cost is \$3 per member, \$4 per guest. Costume wearing encouraged but optional.

POC: Youth Activities, 254-7610.



29 OCT HALLOWEEN PARTY / KAHUNA'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL / 2000

Live music from 1800, costume contest and drink specials.

Open to E5 and below.

POC: Jim Hamachek, 254-7660.

30 OCT SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN STORY TIME / BASE LIBRARY, BLDG 219 / 1000-1100

Spooky Halloween stories, craft activities and treats.

Open to all military families, sponsored guests and DoD civilians.

POC: Merri Fernandez, 254-7624.

31 OCT HALLOWEEN BRUNCH / THE CLUB AT KOA MALINA / 1000-1300

Reservations recommended.

Open to E6 and above.

POC: Craig Pruett, 254-7650.